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SUBJECT: MIDEASTFORCE NEGOTIATIONS: THE LAST MILE?

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1. I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JUNE 22. HE SAID HE FELT ONE MORE MEETING, WHICH HE SET FOR JUNE 25, SHOULD LEAD TO FINAL TEXTS FOR SIGNATURE. NOTE A IS AGREED. NOTE B IS AGREED EXCEPT FOR PHRASE WHICH I SUGGESTED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS ACCEPTABLE PHRASE, OR PROVIDE ALTERNATE LANGUAGE, BEFORE JUNE 25 MEETING. I BELIEVE I HAVE SETTLED WITH FONMIN QUESTION OF LEGAL STATUS HERE OF DOD STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE BAHRAIN -- WE WILL LEAVE IT ALONE -- UNLESS LEGAL ADVISOR MANAGES AGAIN TO INSERT IT INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

2. TWO ITEMS IN LEASE REMAIN OUTSTANDING. FIRST IS NUMBER OF MAC FLIGHTS, NOTED REFTEL, WHICH FONMIN WOULD NOT BE
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PINNED DOWN ON JUNE 22. HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE ME HIS VIEW JUNE 25. QUESTION OF FACILITIES FOR AIRCRAFT AT AIRPORT APPEARED TO BE SETTLED; FONMIN SAID HE HAD "NO PROBLEM" WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS. OTHER POINT HE RAISED COULD PROVE DIFFICULT. HE ASKED IF THERE IS NOT SOME PORTION OF JUFAIR COMPOUND WHICH NAVY COULD DO WITHOUT. I REACTED WITH SOME SURPRISE THAT THIS IS RATHER LATE IN THE GAME TO

RAISE SUCH A BASIC ISSUE, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE HAD ASKED ME MUCH EARLIER WHAT NAVY WANTED TO KEEP AND I HAD REPLIED "ALL OF IT", AND HE HAD NOT OBJECTED. FONMIN BACKED OFF A BIT AND SUGGESTED THAT WE PROCEED TO SIGN LEASE DOCUMENTS AS THEY ARE AND DISCUSS CHANGES IN JUFAIR IN THE FUTURE, PROVIDED I UNDERSTOOD THAT AT SOME POINT SOME "NON-ESSENTIAL" PORTION OF JUFAIR COMPOUND REVERT TO GOB. I SAID WE CAN ALWAYS DISCUSS ANYTHING BUT I FELT STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE DOCUMENTS AS THEY NOW STAND, PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE FEW OUTSTANDING POINTS, SUCH AS NUMBER OF MAC FLIGHTS, WHICH HE AND I HAD BEEN DISCUSSING. HE SEEMED TO AGREE TO THIS APPROACH.

3. COMMENT. THERE ARE PORTIONS OF JUFAIR COMPOUND WHICH NAVY COULD DO WITHOUT, AND COMIDEASTFOR AND I HAVE LONG HAD CAREFULLY PREPARED FALLBACK POSITIONS, BUT I DO NOT INTEND TO GET INTO THIS AT THIS LATE DATE IF I CAN POSSIBLY AVOID DOING SO.

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